



February 19, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation ("IndyGo")
FY'11 Appropriations Request

Dear Senator Lugar,

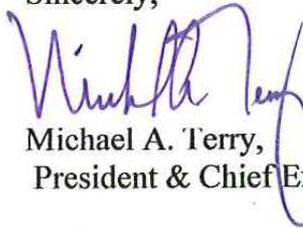
As you know, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation ("IndyGo") is the public transit agency responsible for providing public transportation services to residents of the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Its services are critical to the transportation needs of many individuals living and working in Indianapolis and the surrounding communities. In order to provide services, it is necessary to maintain and replace bus fleets which requires significant capital expenditures. In conjunction with the re-authorization of the federal transportation bill, we are requesting your assistance in securing federal funding for some of our most critical capital needs in the **Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Process**. Please accept this letter as evidence of IndyGo's support for and our commitment to its Bus Replacement Project. Set forth below is a concise description and merits of this important project for which we are seeking federal assistance.

Transit Bus Replacement Project— IndyGo currently maintains a fixed-route bus fleet of 157 vehicles with an average age of 8.6 years. The lifespan for most of these vehicles is 10-12 years or 500,000 to 600,000 miles. As vehicles age the increased maintenance costs and decreased fuel efficiency associated with those aging vehicles have a significant negative impact on our operational budget. In order to adequately maintain a safe and reliable bus fleet, IndyGo is replacing some of the older midsize buses with 20 large 40' buses using funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. However, during the next six years, IndyGo will need to replace an additional 93 buses at an estimated total cost of \$48,318,000. In addition to providing more efficient buses which relieves the strain on our operational budget, these new buses will include improved safety features and para-transit lifts as well as more efficient maintenance capabilities. Moreover, the acquisition of these new buses will have a positive impact on the national and regional economies, given that these buses are manufactured in the United States and include component parts manufactured in Indiana (e.g., Cummins engines and Allison Transmissions). ***Accordingly, IndyGo respectfully requests \$3,000,000 in FY'11 federal appropriations to continue its efforts to improve its transit buses.***

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As always, we would greatly appreciate any support you can provide in helping to secure federal funding for these critical infrastructure projects identified above. We look forward to working with you and your staff throughout this process. If you require any additional information on any of these projects, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Terry,
President & Chief Executive Officer